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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

## What Is Claimed Is:

1-18. (Cancelled).

- (Previously Added) A printed article manufactured by the method comprising: 19.
  - (a) providing a first substrate having a first side and a second side, and
  - (b) applying a treatment mixture to said first side of said first substrate, said treatment mixture comprising: (i) a reactive dye fixing/receiving composition, said dve fixing/receiving composition including an aminecontaining cationic compound, said dye fixing/receiving composition being disposed upon said first side of said textile substrate, and (ii) a UV absorber, thereby forming a treated substrate; and
  - (c) heating said treated substrate to a temperature of at least about 100 degrees Centigrade, thereby facilitating the activation and bonding of said amine-containing cationic compounds to fix said amine-containing compounds upon said first substrate; and
  - (d) applying an ink having an ionic dye upon said first side of said treated textile substrate to form a printed substrate, thereby facilitating chemical interaction of said ionic dye with said amine-containing cationic compound.
- (Previously Added) The article according to claim 19, wherein said treatment 20. mixture additionally comprises a binder.
- (Previously Added) The article of claim 20, wherein said binder is selected from 21. the group of binders comprising: latex binders and resin binders.
- (Previously Added) The article according to claim 19 wherein said temperature 22. is between about 100 and 150 degrees Centigrade.
- (Previously Added) The article of claim 19 wherein UV absorber is selected from 23. the group consisting of: azole-containing compounds and phenone-containing compounds.

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(Previously Added) The article of claim 19 wherein said UV absorber is selected 24. from the group consisting of: benzyltriazoles, hydroxylphenones, and dihydroxybenzylphenones.

- 25. (Previously Added) The article of claim 19 wherein said ink fixing/receiving composition further comprises an agent selected from the group consisting of: silica, silicate, calcium carbonate, aluminum oxide, aluminum hydroxide, and titanium dioxide.
- (Previously Added) The article of claim 19 wherein said amine-containing 26. cationic compound comprises a charge density of at least about 2 milliequivalents per gram.
- (Previously Added) The article of claim 19 wherein said amine-containing 27. cationic compound further comprises a reactive group selected from the group consisting of: epoxides, isocyanates, vinylsulphones, and halo-triazines.
- (Previously Added) The article of claim 19 wherein said article further 28. comprises a thermoplastic or thermosetting polymeric binder material.
- (Previously Added) The article of claim 19 additionally comprising an 29. antimicrobial agent.
- (Previously Added) A printed article manufactured by the method comprising: 30.
  - (a) providing a first substrate having a first side and a second side, and
  - (b) applying a treatment mixture to said first side of said first substrate, said treatment mixture comprising: (i) a reactive dye fixing/receiving composition, said dye fixing/receiving composition including an aminecontaining cationic compound, said dye fixing/receiving composition being disposed upon said first side of said textile substrate, and (ii) a UV absorber, thereby forming a treated substrate; and
  - (c) wherein said UV absorber comprises from about 0.1% to about 10% by weight of said article; and

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> (d) applying an ink having an ionic dye upon said first side of said treated textile substrate to form a printed substrate, thereby facilitating chemical interaction of said ionic dye with said amine-containing cationic compound.

- (Previously Added) The article of claim 30, wherein said application step (d) 31. comprises ink jet type printing.
- (Previously Added) The article of claim 30, wherein said treatment mixture 32. further comprises a binder, said binder being selected from the group of binders comprising: latex binders and resin binders.
- (Previously Added) The article according to claim 30 wherein following said 33. application step (b) said treated substrate is heated to a temperature of at least about 100 degrees Centigrade.
- (Previously Added) The article of claim 30 wherein UV absorber is selected from 34. the group consisting of: azole-containing compounds and phenone-containing compounds.
- (Previously Added) The article of claim 30 wherein said UV absorber is selected 35. from the group consisting of: benzyltriazoles, hydroxylphenones, and dihydroxybenzylphenones.
- (Previously Added) The article of claim 30 wherein said ink fixing/receiving 36. composition further comprises an agent selected from the group consisting of: silica, silicate, calcium carbonate, aluminum oxide, aluminum hydroxide, and titanium dioxide.
- (Previously Added) The article of claim 30 wherein said amine-containing 37. cationic compound comprises a charge density of at least about 2 milliequivalents per gram.
- (Previously Added) The article of claim 30 wherein said amine-containing 38. cationic compound further comprises a reactive group selected from the group consisting of: epoxides, isocyanates, vinylsulphones, and halo-triazines.

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39. (Previously Added) The article of claim 30 wherein said article further comprises a thermoplastic or thermosetting polymeric binder material.

- 40. (Previously Added) The article of claim 30 additionally comprising an antimicrobial agent.
- 41. (Previously Added) A printed article manufactured by the method comprising:
  - (a) providing a first substrate having a first side and a second side, and
  - (b) applying a treatment mixture to said first side of said first substrate, said treatment mixture comprising: (i) a reactive dye fixing/receiving composition, said dye fixing/receiving composition including an aminecontaining cationic compound, said dye fixing/receiving composition being disposed upon said first side of said textile substrate, and (ii) a UV absorber, wherein said UV absorber is selected from the group comprising: phenone-containing compounds and azole-containing compounds, thereby forming a treated substrate; and
  - (c) applying an ink having an ionic dye upon said first side of said treated textile substrate to form a printed substrate, thereby facilitating chemical interaction of said ionic dye with said amine-containing cationic compound.
- 42. (Previously Added) The article of claim 41, wherein said application step (c) comprises ink jet type printing.
- 43. (Previously Added) The article of claim 41, wherein said treatment mixture further comprises a binder, said binder being selected from the group of binders comprising: latex binders and resin binders.
- 44. (Previously Added) The article according to claim 41 wherein following said application step (b) said treated substrate is heated to a temperature of at least about 100 degrees Centigrade.
- 45. (Previously Added) The article of claim 41 wherein said UV absorber is applied so as to result in an article having a weight of UV absorber of between about 0.1% and about 10% of the weight of the article.

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(Previously Added) The article of claim 41 wherein said UV absorber is selected 46. from the group consisting of: benzyltriazoles, hydroxylphenones, and dihydroxybenzylphenones.

- (Previously Added) The article of claim 41 wherein said ink fixing/receiving 47. composition further comprises an agent selected from the group consisting of: silica, silicate, calcium carbonate, aluminum oxide, aluminum hydroxide, and titanium dioxide.
- 48. (Previously Added) The article of claim 41 wherein said amine-containing cationic compound comprises a charge density of at least about 2 milliequivalents per gram.
- (Previously Added) The article of claim 41 wherein said amine-containing 49. cationic compound further comprises a reactive group selected from the group consisting of: epoxides, isocyanates, vinylsulphones, and halo-triazines
- (Previously Added) The article of claim 41 wherein said article further 50. comprises a thermoplastic or thermosetting polymeric binder material.
- (Previously Added) The article of claim 41 additionally comprising an 51. antimicrobial agent.
- (New) The article of claim 19, wherein the ionic dye comprises a reactive dye. 52.
- 53. (New) The article of claim 19, wherein the ionic dye is an ionic dye selected from the group consisting of direct dye and acid dye.
- 54. (New) The article of claim 30, wherein the ionic dye comprises a reactive dye.
- (New) The article of claim 30, wherein the ionic dye is an ionic dye selected 55. from the group consisting of direct dye and acid dye.
- (New) The article of claim 41, wherein the ionic dye comprises a reactive dye. 56.
- (New) The article of claim 41, wherein the ionic dye is an ionic dye selected 57. from the group consisting of direct dye and acid dye.